As both an amateur radio operator and a Sr. Telecommunications Specialist for the Washington State Dept of Transportation I am very concerned about the premature roll out of BPL. As a manager of a large public safety communication system I have experienced first hand the results of a runaway technology (namely the NEXTEL debacle). Though we utilize an 800 MHz trunked radio system, we still maintain low band VHF frequencies that from all preliminary indications will be virtually useless with the implementation of BPL. As an amateur I am also concerned about the viability of our HF as well as low VHF frequencies. I understand that money is the great motivator but not at the expense of a valuable resource such as radio spectrum.

Thank you, Fred Baker W7SIX GROL holder